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UM FACULTY MEMBER WINS JOHN RUFFATTO AWARD

MISSOULA --

Paul Larson, a University of Montana associate professor of management, has won the first John Ruffatto Award for his knowledge of small businesses and talent in teaching students about the subject.

Author of the 1990 book "The Montana Entrepreneur's Guide," he received the \$2,500 award May 22 at UM's annual awards banquet honoring accomplishments by faculty and staff members, administrators and volunteers.

The award is named for John Ruffatto of Missoula, former chairman of the Spokane-based Murphey-Favre Securities Services Inc. The endowment was set up through the UM Foundation by Ruffatto and Bill Papesh of Spokane, president of both Murphey-Favre and Composite Group of Funds. Papesh is a 1965 UM graduate in business.

On UM's faculty since 1985, Larson teaches small-business and strategic management courses. He's also taught business management at Eastern Montana College and the University of Utah and been a management consultant in Missoula, Salt Lake City and Billings.

The Montana businesses to which he's served as a consultant include Montana Naturals Inc. in Arlee, Historical Research Associates in Missoula, Alpine Log Homes in Victor, Big Mountain Ski

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Resort in Whitefish and Special Resource Management in Butte.

Larson earned a doctorate in business management and strategy and management information systems at the University of Utah. He received a master's degree in business administration at UM and bachelor's degree in environmental sciences at the University of California at Berkeley.

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